

Monitoring the Public for Radiation in Lyon County

On August 8-10, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Air and Radiation staff provided training on Monitoring the Public Following a Radiological Incident to Emporia Fire Department and Lyon County Road and Bridge staff. Each day, approximately 60 different individuals attended the training and all three fire department shifts were trained. This training was located at Emporia State University in the Physical Education Building. E.S.U. has agreed to serve as a monitoring and sheltering facility for evacuees from the area surrounding Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station if an evacuation is recommended during an incident at the plant. Emporia Fire Department and Lyon County Road and Bridge staff are trained to monitor, decontaminate if needed, and register thousands of evacuees at this facility. The Red Cross participated in the training exercises and is prepared to shelter the evacuees at the E.S.U. student union. The plans, procedures, annual training, and equipment in Lyon County ensure that this facility and the city/county staff are ready to assist Kansas citizens in a large scale evacuation whether from Wolf Creek or from another type of radiological incident, such as a terrorist attack.



Jeff Clark (BAR) is monitored for radioactive contamination during the training at E.S.U.



Shay Hannah (BAR) provides training on the set-up and use of the radiation portal monitors.



David Lawrenz (BAR) provides training on how to monitor a vehicle for radioactive contamination.



Kim Steves (BAR) is monitored for radioactive contamination.



The American Red Cross worked with KDHE and Wolf Creek to provide sheltering services to evacuees.